

LAW OFFICES  
PAUL J. CAREY, JR.  
613 SOUTH CHESTER ROAD  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA  
KINGSWOOD 4-4600

March 12, 1963

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

At the suggestion of Richard Picker, I am enclosing herewith a Continental Dollar which I recently purchased from one of the leading coin dealers in the country. Dick tells me that there are some extremely deceptive forgeries in circulation, and although I have a guarantee of genuineness from the dealer, I would like very much to have it authenticated by a leading authority such as yourself.

I understand that there is no charge for this service; nevertheless, I am enclosing my check for \$10.00, and while your time and opinion are worth much more, this will pay for the postage and insurance and the balance can be donated to charity if you don't care to keep it.

I hope that this request is not too much of an imposition. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

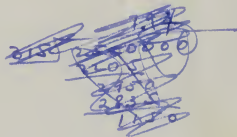
Sincerely yours,

*Paul J. Carey, Jr.*

Mar 1963 → Paul J. Carey, Jr Swarthmore Pa

Fugro Dellan

250 grains  
218 ~~8~~ in water  
~~32~~ displ  
32



7.8  
32 | 2500  
224  
260  
256

area between two concentric circles on obj cleaned from  
F in FUGIO to 4 oclock

Big dent in circle under E in CONTINENTAL  
Leaf design on edge appears normal but must show one leaf only  
Lump at reverse edge over R-I. link. Another lump  
on top of Pa link.

Reverse is offset clockwise  $45^\circ$  from obverse when  
rotated on vertical axis.

Good ring

Diameter OK

Color OK

very fine Not heavily struck particularly at T in  
CONTINENTAL just

March 15, 1963

Mr. Paul J. Carey  
613 South Chester Road  
Swarthmore, Penna.

Dear Mr. Carey:

I have examined the pewter Continental Dollar, variety 2-C forwarded March 12, 1963.

Your piece weighs 250 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.8, both of which are normal. It is in very fine condition but has been rubbed and cleaned in the area from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock between the two concentric circles on the obverse. There is a large dent in the circle under the E in CONTINENTAL. There is a lump on the reverse on the outside of the Rhode Island link and another lump on the top of the Pennsylvania link. Lumps of this type are not unusual. The reverse is offset clockwise 45 degrees from the obverse when rotated on a vertical axis. The color and diameter are normal but the coin is not heavily struck, particularly in the first T in CONTINENTAL. The twin leaf design on the edge only shows one leaf most of the way around but does show the twin leaves in a small part of the circumference. This is entirely normal in view of the wobbling of a planchet in a Castaing machine.

In my opinion the coin is a genuine piece.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

March 15, 1963

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
613 South Chester Road  
Swarthmore, Penna.

Dear Mr. Carey:

We wish to thank you for your contribution of  
\$10.00 to the work of this organization.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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LAW OFFICES  
PAUL J. CAREY, JR.  
613 SOUTH CHESTER ROAD  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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February 19, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
c/o Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Richard Picker suggested that I write you concerning the Pitt Token, which I have been studying. I told him that contrary to what the Red Book says, I could find no substantiation of the Red Book's statement that the piece pictured was designed by Paul Revere.

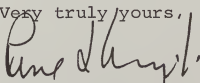
In the Betts book on Medals, the editors state in the Corrigenda that the design and dies for #518 were probably by Paul Revere. Kenney, in his pamphlet on Early American Engravers also attributes #518 to Paul Revere. However, as you know, the coin pictured in the Red Book is not #518, but #519.

It seems to me that had Kenney and the editors of Betts believed Paul Revere to be responsible for #519 they would have mentioned it, and that their exclusion of any reference to this piece would seem to negate any connection to Revere.

Have I missed some basic, fundamental point somewhere along the line? Dick says that he doubts that Revere made the Pitt pieces, and that had he done so he would have done a better job.

Unfortunately, I don't have too much access to numismatic references, other than what I can borrow from the A.N.A. library. I would be most appreciative if you could find the time to give me the benefit of your knowledge.

Very truly yours,



PAUL J. CAREY, JR.

PJCJr:ms

February 22, 1965

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
Box 218  
Swarthmore, Penna. 19081

Dear Mr. Carey:

Your inquiry concerning the engraver of the Pitt Token is, fortunately, very easy for me to answer.

I have never seen or read any data which gives facts as to Paul Revere having anything to do with the engraving. I have had enough trouble trying to eliminate Paul Revere from having anything to do with the Continental Currency. I know of no diesinking tools or steel dies which Revere had or made as he was a hand engraver on copper and silver and a silversmith. The 1776 Massachusetts patterns are the only possible link of coins to Revere and this is without proof so far as I know. People just like to tie things up with Paul Revere.

If there are any numismatic references which you need and cannot obtain, it is always our pleasure to make them available to serious researchers.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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September 16, 1965

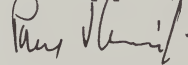
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am interested in reading your article, "The Successful British Counterfeiting of American Paper Money During the American Revolution" which was printed in the British Numismatic Journal in 1958.

If you will be good enough to lend me a copy of this, I will be glad to pay the costs of postage and insurance.

Sincerely yours,



Paul J. Carey, Jr.

PJCJr:ms

September 30, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Carey:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a copy of the British counterfeiting article. It is a revision of "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" with the Connecticut issue, etc. added, and certain material not of interest to the British deleted.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178



203 BEAUMONT DRIVE  
WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

October 7, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am returning the pamphlet which  
you were kind enough to lend me, together  
with my check in the sum of \$5.00 as a cont-  
ribution to your worthy organization.

Very truly yours,



PAUL J. CAREY, JR.

PJCJr:ms

Encls.

October 11, 1965

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
203 Beaumont Drive  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Carey:

Thank you, very much, for the donation you made to our work. It was very thoughtful for you to do so.

Any time we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

You may be interested in knowing that the writer has finished a book on Early American Paper Money and type will be set this winter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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March 30, 1966

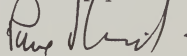
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I recently purchased from Richard Picker a William Pitt medal, Betts #517. Dick is of the opinion that the coin is struck, despite the fact that the editors of Betts say that all 517's are cast.

I am wondering whether you would be willing to take a look at the piece and give me your opinion. I will be glad to reimburse you for your time and expense.

Sincerely yours,



Paul J. Carey, Jr.

PJCJr:ms

April 1, 1966

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
Box 218  
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

Dear Mr. Carey:

I will be glad to look at your  
Pitt token, but it is my opinion that these are  
struck on cast planchets.

If you still want me to examine your  
specimen, I will do so.

Yours very truly,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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LAW OFFICES  
PAUL J. CAREY, JR.  
613 SOUTH CHESTER ROAD  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA  
KINGSWOOD 4-4600

April 12, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your reply to my letter  
concerning the William Pitt medal.

In view of your explanation that it is  
struck on a cast planchet, I do not believe it is  
necessary to send it to you for examination.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



PAUL J. CAREY, JR.

PJCJr:ms

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June 15, 1966

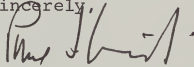
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Do you happen to have a copy of Medallie Illustrations of the History of Great Britain and Ireland, by Hawkins et al., which I could borrow? If so, I will of course pay the cost of postage and insurance.

When will your book on Early American Paper Money come on the market?

Sincerely,



Paul J. Carey, Jr.

PJCJr:ms

June 24, 1966

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.

Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Carey:

I do not have Medallion Illustrations of the  
History of Great Britain as my library is primarily American.

The early American Paper Money book will prob-  
ably be out in September or October.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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613 SOUTH CHESTER ROAD  
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October 30, 1967

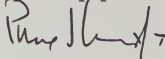
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I would like to borrow the Nelson work on the  
Voce Populi coinage.

If you can help me, I will of course pay all  
postage and insurance costs.

Very truly yours,



PAUL J. CAREY, JR.

PJCJr:ms



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 6, 1967

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
613 South Chester Road  
Swarthmore, Penna.

Dear Mr. Carey:

Under separate cover I am sending you  
Nelson's "Coinage of Ireland". Please return it  
after it has served your purposes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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LAW OFFICES  
PAUL J. CAREY, JR.  
613 SOUTH CHESTER ROAD  
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA  
KINGWOOD 4-4600

November 20, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am returning under separate cover the copy of Nelson's "Coinage of Ireland" that you were kind enough to lend me. I appreciate it very much.

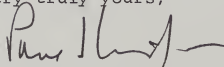
Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 to cover postage and insurance on the book and also on the coin which I am also enclosing.

This piece was sent to me as a 9-Q. My picture of the Q reverse is not too good, but it does resemble it from what I can determine. However, it does not meet your description of that reverse, in that the O and E do not touch the band and the N, and the star in the band is between the N and E.

It more closely fits your description of reverse L, but in this case the picture seems to differ somewhat from the coin. In the picture, the star is directly under the E, and the W is to the right of the second S.

I'd be very grateful if you would attribute the piece for me. I hope this isn't too much of an imposition.

Very truly yours,



PAUL J. CAREY, JR.

PJCJr:ms

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 27, 1967

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
613 S. Chester Road  
Swarthmore, Penna.

Dear Mr. Carey:

Thank you for your prompt return of Nelson  
and for your donation.

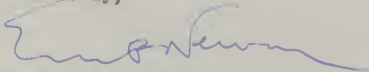
The Fugio you sent is 9-Q and my original  
description was wrong because L and Q were switched.  
The revised description is:

Rev. Q STATES on left side. First E touches RE  
below. A is distant from R and touches band.  
N is high. Upright of second T in STATES  
slants down to right and aims at center  
of A. Star in band under space between NE.

We hope some day to republish better descriptions  
and pictures, but have so much other research in process  
it has been neglected.

The coin is returned herewith. It is always  
a pleasure to be of service to you.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Enc.



June 26, 1968

Mr. Paul J. Carey, Jr.  
Commonwealth Coin Co.  
P. O. Box 218  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Carey:

The Washington coin in Virginia sent to us for an opinion is Crosby X-13 but the reverse is the first die described on p. 357 rather than as illustrated on the plate. Your piece weighs 180 grains as is normal. Its specific gravity is 2.75 which is normal. If turned on a vertical axis the reverse is 150 degrees offset counter clockwise. The obverse border milling runs from 11 to 2 clockwise. The condition is about fine with a dark brown toning. It is a weak strike. The edge is plain. It has a dent on the reverse under 17 of 1775 and the dent slants down to the left. It has been considered to an uncirculated piece. Its pedigree has not been traced as no pedigree data was furnished or requested. In our opinion the piece is genuine.

We enjoyed seeing it. It is returned herewith by registered mail.

Thank you for the contribution.

Sincerely,

EPW/cs

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH COIN COMPANY

P.O. Box 218 • Swarthmore, Pa. 19081 • 215 Kingswood 4-4600

PAUL J. CAREY, JR.  
A.N.A. No. 37342



November 25, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have offered the enclosed American Plantation for sale to a customer, but he is afraid that it is a restrike. I do not want to complete the transaction without being certain that it is an original, and I would appreciate your opinion. I am enclosing a contribution to help defray the costs of postage and insurance, etc.

I had the pleasure of hearing your lecture on Bungtowns at the ANS earlier in the month, and I want you to know how much I enjoyed it. I look forward to the publication of your monograph on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Carey, Jr.

PJCJr:ms  
Encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 29, 1968

Commonwealth Coin Co.  
P.O.Box 218  
Swarthmore, Penna. 19081

Dear Mr. Carey:

Thank you for your nice comments on the half-pence talk. It was interesting to prepare. I wish I had had time to talk to all of you personally but I had a grandchild that day which took priority.

The James II 1/2dth real which you forwarded for comment weighs 132 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.0. It is variety 4-E. It has a heavy dark surface on both faces and the edge. This is of stannous oxide (and other salts) acquired over the years and this has chipped off from the top of the helmet, the front half of the right side of the top of the base (from the horse's point of view) and from other high portions. This surface is normal and the deterioration is normal. It is not tin pest caused by exposure to cold. In our opinion the piece is a genuine original and is not a restrike.

Thank you for the contribution which, though not signed, should be cleared by machines without concern.

The coin is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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